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CLAIM AMENDMENTS

Claims 1 - 8 (previously cancelled).

Claim 9 (currently amended) The method of forming a film *in situ* upon body tissue comprising:

providing a liquid composition comprising,

- 1) a volatile solvent; and
- 2) a polymer selected from the group consisting of carboxymethylcellulose, poly(vinyl alcohol-co-vinyl acetate), polyiminodiacetamide, and hydroxyethylcellulose, which will attach to a hydrophobic group, and
- 3) a hydrophobic group;

modifying the solubility of the polymer in the liquid composition by attaching the hydrophobic group to the polymer to produce a water insoluble interaction product;

applying the liquid composition to the body tissue;